

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Larry and Linda Thorpe are the proud parents of thirty four children. They have three natural children, and have either adopted or taken guardianship over thirty one others;

Whereas, Twenty two of their children, ranging in age from five to thirty two, still live at home - almost all of them with some type of physical or mental disability and some of the children have both;

Whereas, Over the past thirty years, the Thorpes have welcomed into their home over three hundred foster children afflicted with various debilitating conditions including severe autism and shaken baby syndrome;

Whereas, Larry and Linda, together with a small team of nurses and volunteers, work tirelessly every day to home school and care for each of their beloved children;

Whereas, Damar Services, an organization that helps children and adults with developmental disabilities, has been providing assistance in the Thorpe home for many years;

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Whereas, For Christmas 2008 Larry wrote each of the children a letter relating his feelings and memories which made that Christmas celebration particularly special;

Whereas, The Thorpe's labor of love has touched the Jamestown community in a profound way and continues to inspire neighbors and friends; and

Whereas, Larry and Linda Thorpe have built their lives on a foundation of love for each other and faith in God. Their ability to share their love and faith with others has made an lasting impact on the lives of their thirty four children, the hundreds of other children they have cared for over the years, the Jamestown community, and the State of Indiana; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby honors
- 2 Larry and Linda Thorpe for building a loving home for their family and
- 3 for their dedication to caring for children with physical and mental
- 4 disabilities.
- 5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a
- 6 copy of this resolution to Thorpe family and Damar Services.

